



Three opilionologists (left to right: Plamen Mitov, Christoph Muster, Gregor Wachter)

1st prize: Urška Pristovšek, 2nd prize: Hsien-Chun Liao, 3rd prize: Klaas Welke.

The meeting was closed by the General Assembly of the ESA members. Several issues were discussed,

such as publication of the proceedings and payment of membership fees. New elections of council members took place (two new council members: Sara Goodacre and Wolfgang Nentwig) and two new honorary members (Yael Lubin, Rudy Jocqué) were proposed. Furthermore the 28th European Congress of Arachnology was announced. It will take place in summer 2014 in Torino, Italy, organised by Marco Isaia and his team.

Special thanks go to the organizing committee and the scientific and program committee. They did a wonderful job and made sure that we were able to witness a harmonious, interesting and informative week. Finally we would like to thank the sponsors. Without their support, the realisation of the congress would not have been possible.

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19th International Congress of Arachnology

The 19th International Congress of Arachnology (ICA 2013) will be held at the Howard Beach Resort, Kenting National Park, at the subtropical southern tip of Taiwan, from June 23 to June 28, 2013. It is the first ICA to be held in Asia. The meeting will be organized and hosted by an Asian Organizing Committee of Affiliates of the International Society of Arachnology. Asian and International Keynote speakers and a variety of topical sessions (taxonomy, systematics, behaviour, physiology, ecology, biodiversity) and additional symposia (genus *Nephila*, spider silk, urbanization and arachnid diversity, systematic and biogeography symposium of non araneoids) have been organized. In addition, there will be opportunities for collecting arachnids and excursions organized for participants. The program is not finalized, so participants may propose additional symposia, or direct general inquiries, to the Organizing Committee; see the Symposium website (<http://araneae.thu.edu.tw/ica2013/welcome>) or e-mail spider@thu.edu.tw.

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